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Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 9-308286	Laid-Open date 28.11.1997	<p>Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 9-308286 (1997), similarly to our invention, executes field weakening control to control a motor. More specifically, in the JP Patent Application No. 9-308286, a current command signal generating means outputs a phase leading angle proportional digital address value corresponding to a current norm command and a current phase command, and an address generating means outputs a rotor position proportional digital address value in accordance with an output of an encoder. The rotor position proportional digital address value and the phase leading angle proportional digital address value are added in an address digital adding means. A waveform data of a q-axis waveform memory means is read using an addition result as the address input, and it is then converted into current command signals in the accumulation digital/analog converting apparatus with reference to the current norm command in order to realize the drive through pulse width modulation control of the motor. Moreover, the JP Patent Application No. 9-308286, similarly to our invention, employs an IPM motor as the motor, to take advantage of reluctance torque.</p> <p>The JP Patent Application No. 9-308286 is different from our invention in the following points. In the JP Patent Application No.9-308286, the field weakening control is performed on the basis of a speed instruction or a torque instruction inputted from outside into the current command signal generating means. On the other hand, in our invention, the field weakening control is performed when a rotational speed of the motor comes to a</p>

		predetermined range (an area close to a maximum rotational speed of the motor). Consequently, with our invention, a rotational speed range of the motor can be enlarged.
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